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The present invention is accomplished for elimination of the above-mentioned problems. The object of the present invention is to offer an Al-coated steel sheet, and preferably a fuel tank made from an Al-coated steel sheet, which satisfies requisitions for use as a fuel tank superior of corrosion resistance and durability.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 8.

Please cancel the previous versions of claims 1-7, 9, and 10, and rewrite them as follows. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.121, the following are clean copies of the rewritten claims. Marked-up versions of claims 1-7, 9, and 10 are attached as separate sheets.

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1. (Once Amended) A fuel tank made from an Al coated steel sheet having an alkali-soluble resin film directly formed on a surface of said Al-coated steel sheet.

2. (Once Amended) The fuel tank made from an Al coated steel sheet defined in Claim 1, wherein the resin is soluble in an alkali liquid of pH 9.0 or higher.

3. (Once Amended) The fuel tank made from an Al coated steel sheet defined in Claim 1, wherein the alkali-soluble resin has a carboxyl group in its molecule with an acid value of 40-90.

4. (Once Amended) The fuel tank made from an Al coated steel sheet defined in Claim 1, wherein the alkali-soluble resin has an acid value of 40-90 and a

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carboxyl group in its molecule and 1-50% hydrogen atom of said carboxyl group is substituted by alkali metal.

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5. (Twice Amended) The fuel tank made from an Al coated steel sheet defined in Claim 3, wherein the alkali-soluble resin is urethane.

6. (Twice Amended) The fuel tank made from an Al coated steel sheet defined in Claim 1, wherein the resin film is mixed with 1-25mass% a powdery synthetic resin.

7. (Twice Amended) The fuel tank made from an Al coated steel sheet defined in Claim 1, wherein the resin film has a thickness of 0.2-5.0 μ m in thickness is formed on the fuel tank made from an Al coated steel.

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9. (Once Amended) The fuel tank made from an Al coated steel sheet defined in Claim 3, wherein the alkali-soluble resin is acrylic resin.

10. (Once Amended) The fuel tank made from an Al coated steel sheet defined in Claim 1, wherein the resin film is mixed with 1-30mass% powdery silica.

REMARKS

The restriction requirement leaves claims 1-7, 9, and 10 pending in the present application. Claim 8 has been cancelled, but Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue non-elected claim 8, and any other related claims, in a divisional application.

As an overview, the claimed invention is directed to a fuel tank made of a specified Al-coated steel sheet. Since an alkali-soluble resin film is directly applied to the
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